

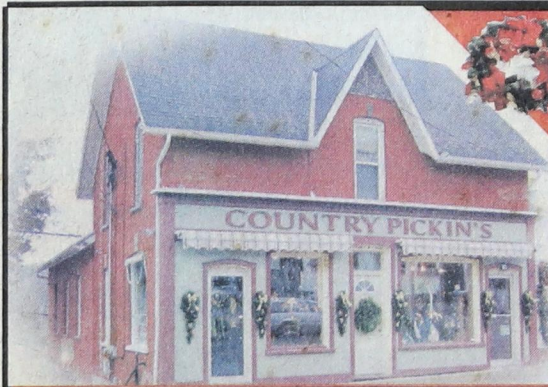
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Tuuluuwak sled dogs come to Haliburton County

By Will Jones

It's a dog's life. No, really it is, especially if you're a husky owned by Steven Laviolette, the man behind Tuuluuwak Sleddogs. "She won't thank me for saying this but she understands," says Laviolette, all the while smiling at his wife Sara. "The dogs are number one and the wife, number two. The dogs always come first, ask any good musher."

Laviolette has brought his family, and by family he means his wife, son Sam



and 21 Siberian huskies, to Haliburton County and he'll be leading sled tours from the Harcourt area just as soon as the snow falls. In the meantime, this well known dog man from the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec is offering advice and assistance on all aspects of how to run dogs – from harnessing them, menu tips and methods of training to conditioning work to get the dogs ready for winter.

Born into a dog sledding dynasty stretching back to his great grandfather and a family that has hunted, trapped in the Quebec bush for generations,

Laviolette was sledding before he could walk. He was always destined to fall in love with an outdoor life that revolved around huskies. "I did try living in the city for a while," he says, grimacing. He moved to Ottawa and went to college, getting a masters degree in computer programming. "But I knew as soon as I started to work in an office that it wasn't for me and that was the end of city life."

Moving back to rural Quebec, Laviolette built up a sledding business that at one time saw him owning 97 huskies and the largest outfitting operation in the Laurentian Mountains. He worked with hotels, organising and running tours for guests, taking them out on the sleds for anything from one hour jaunts to two week trips.

However, this new venture in Ontario has come about due to a wanderlust that Laviolette believes will eventually take him clear across the country to northern BC. "We aim to get there sometime in the future because the winters stretch out so long: it's the perfect place for sledding. But, Ontario and Haliburton County is our new base now and we're looking forward to bringing our existing clients to the area, and attracting new ones to sledding, too."

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The move has been hard work, especially with such a large 'family' but Laviolette et al are now ensconced with Mike DeGrace at his kennels, Howling Hills.

Laviolette chose to come to Harcourt after talking to DeGrace about the potential of the area. "He told me about the 10,000 acres of crown land backing onto his property and all the trails. This must be the largest backyard in all of Ontario.

"We are actually living with Mike at the moment but our days are mostly spent with the dogs. We've got a tent set up and we're in the process of building a cabin, so that we can be on site permanently," he says. "I'm used to living with my dogs 24 hours a day."

There'll be none of the home comforts that the majority of us would cringe to be without in Laviolette's new home – electricity being one of them – his upbringing and love of the outdoors means he is more than well equipped to cope with such trifling inconveniences. "The important thing is making sure the dogs are comfortable. Then, we start to think about us," he says, smiling.

And there's the thing that makes it all work. The place that Laviolette loves to be more than anywhere else is with his dogs. "There's nothing better than being out in nature with one of my teams. The almost pure silence of being out there alone – the only sounds, the dogs' breathing and the sled slipping through the snow – it's magical. There's no need to go fast, just to be out there in the wilderness with my dogs, that's why I do this."

Money and regulation, the scourges of modern life, are the flip side of the coin for Laviolette. "I'd love to be able to do without money, to just quietly live off the land with my family but in today's world that's not possible."

However, trivial things like cashflow pale into insignificance when one of Laviolette's beloved dogs dies. "That is by far the worst thing about my chosen path. These animals are my family but they just don't last as long as we do. It's heartbreaking to have one of your best friends die and I grieve as much for a dog as I

would for a human."

Laviolette's top female dog Shayla died while giving birth earlier this year. The loss made him very depressed and drove him to consider quitting the sledding business altogether. It was only his wife's gentle coaxing and love for Shayla's four puppies, which he raised by hand, that kept him focussed.

Laviolette's current head lead dog is Sumo. This impressive male husky was actually a rescue dog. "We drove past this guy who was going at Sumo, hitting him like crazy," he says. "I turned the truck around and went to see the guy. He said someone had given him the dog in lieu of a debt of \$100 but the thing wouldn't stop howling. I said, 'here, I'll give you the

\$100 if you'll give me the dog,' he did and I got this wonderful animal."

If you get the chance to visit Tuuluuwak Sleddogs this winter you'll be able to meet Sumo and the puppies, who are now well on their way to becoming important members of Laviolette's beloved sled teams.

For now, this mountain man musher, his wife, toddler and 21 dogs are settling into their new life and looking forward to that first big dump of snow.

Tuuluuwak Sled Dogs can be contacted via email (tuuluuwak@hotmail.com) by phone (705 448 1625) or via the Tuuluuwak sled-dogs facebook page.

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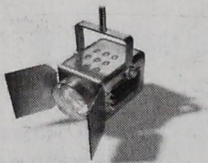
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Spotlight on Business



Gateway Variety

Convenience items and great gift ideas in the heart of Kinmount

By Mark Arike

Gateway Variety carries all of the staple items that one might expect to find in a store of its kind – but upon entering the business, one will be surprised by how much more there is to discover.

Owned by Lynn Nicholls and her husband Jeff, Gateway Variety is located at 4071 Cty Rd. 21 in downtown Kinmount. In a spot that's within walking distance of the town's many shops and tourist attractions, Gateway Variety is a prime place for customers to buy what it is they need and pick up something rather unique.

"I'm pulling together everything I've done over the years and am concentrating on having it all in one place," said Lynn of her focus for the store she purchased three years ago.

A Bobcaygeon resident, Lynn owned and operated a similar store (also named Gateway Variety) in her family-owned Village Gate Plaza. When a friend informed her that a store space was available in Kinmount, she considered the opportunity – and went for it without hesitating.

"Since the two towns were only about 20 miles apart, I could see the potential," she said.

At first, she thought she would run two stores at once, but decided against it because it would be too hard to juggle both operations. She sold the Bobcaygeon store and fully committed herself to her new acquisition, which was in need of plenty TLC.

"The store definitely needed some updating and uplifting," Lynn recalled.

Heating problems, an unattractive layout and other problems prompted her to have the store complete revamped.

Raised in Toronto with her two sisters, Lynn grew to love the country life as a frequent visitor to her family's cottage on Little Bob River.

"We spent all of our summers up there," she said.

Lynn got her career start in the media, working as a news broadcaster for CKLY (Bob FM in Lindsay) and writing for the now defunct North Kawartha Times in Fenelon Falls.

She eventually went back to school and obtained a degree in horticultural studies.

"I ended up running a lawn and landscaping service out of my home," she said of the business that became the Kawartha Garden Centre. "It's on the site of where the plaza is now ... that's how the plaza got started."

Along with the garden centre, Lynn offered landscaping, maintenance and weed and pest control services. She did so for 12 years.

Lynn's mother is from the Bobcaygeon community and her family is well known in the community for their contributions.

"My dad ran The Bobcaygeon Independent [newspaper]. Uncle Ross had Forbert's Gift Shop, a store that had Royal Doulton fine china. Ross was the one who bequeathed money for the building of the Bobcaygeon pool," Lynn explained.

Not only have Lynn and her husband made several improvements to the building itself, they've also introduced many of the ideas and items that were with them at their Bobcaygeon store.

"I love to cook," Lynn smiled. A variety of home-cooked items, including sandwiches, soups and cookies are available in the store.

A large selection of movies is located in the far left corner of the building. In it, some of the newest hits and classic favourites can be found.

"We always had a big video collection at our other store," she said.

Lynn's husband is an avid hunter and fisher, and due to his love of the outdoor activities, is in charge of the section that offers hunting and fishing licenses, outdoor gear, ammunition and more.

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In their Bobcaygeon variety store, the couple carried a large selection of games, educational ones in particular.

"We were known for having quality, educational games and toys for kids. So we're carrying that on here," Lynn said while pointing out the rows of products for all ages. "One year we were written up about in Canada Living Magazine for the broad selection that we have."

Lynn regularly attends trade shows to find the award-winning games that will provide people – those young and old – with quality entertainment.

A large selection of paperback books is also in the store, near the movie department.

Another unique feature of Gateway Variety is the assortment of novelty items in stock. Shoppers will find everything from funny greeting cards to key chains, candles to soaps, and stink bombs that are perfect for practical jokes.

"We're trying to bring in different things that would draw people to Kinmount – and we're not looking to compete with what's already here," Lynn said.

By next summer, Lynn hopes to have all of the renovation work complete on the store, which includes the garden centre and an outdoor sitting area.

"I think that in the next couple of years there will be a lot of growth," she said.

So next time you're on way through Kinmount, stop by Gateway Variety to get what you need and track down something you want. With Christmas around the corner, odds are that you'll walk away with the



Lynn Nicholls offers unique items in her Kinmount-based store.

perfect gift for someone on your list.

For any questions, call Lynn at the store at 705-488-1101 or email gatewayvariety@gmail.com.

WANTED: Missing fish

A record-breaking, small mouth bass caught on Bark Lake was located inside the building for many years prior to Lynn's arrival. The wall mounted fish was located near the front of the store and went missing some time ago.

The missing fish, which is the second largest of its kind caught in either Canada or Ontario (Lynn is unsure of the specifics), was never to be removed from the store, according to Lynn.

"I would love to get it back," Lynn said, adding that dozens of people come in every year, expecting to see the fish.

If you have information about the fish's whereabouts contact Lynn directly. □

Eagle Lake Adventures and Gifts

Find the perfect gift for someone at recently expanded store

By Mark Arike

In 2003, Sharon and Terry Griffin's business outgrew its garage-sized space. And now, with more being added to the store that was mainly known for its bait and tackle products, the expansion seems to be far from over.

"Now we have a gift shop," said Sharon, co-owner of Eagle Lake Adventures and Gifts. "My husband runs that side," she said, pointing to the back of the store where all of the bait and tackle items can be found, "and I run this end."

Due to the fact that she has always appreciated and been fascinated by unique, unusual and handcrafted items, Sharon decided to decrease the size of her movie section to introduce the products that she wanted.

"Many years ago, I used to work at a store in Haliburton called Loon Lake Weavers," explained Sharon of how she came into the business



Terry and Sharon Griffin have a new gift shop in Eagle Lake.

of gift items, "so I know the suppliers, the products and what people want."

Lamps, chimes, jewelry, figurines and a few Christmas ornaments are just some of the examples of the many items Sharon carries. Soon, she'll be beautifying the outside of the store.

"In the summer, it's going to look a lot different out here," she explained.

The couple has horses on their property, so they also carry a few items that would interest riders and trainers.

"We have bridles, harnesses, brushes, leads," Sharon said, explaining that if there's something that a customer wants but it's not in stock, odds are it can be ordered.

Sharon and Terry purchased Eagle Lake Adventures and Gifts (formerly known as Eagle Lake Adventures Bait and Tackle) from Donna and Trevor Campbell, current owners of

Screaming Eagle Paintball, in 1999.

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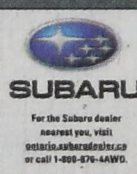
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After a short stint there, they moved the business to a garage space on their home property.

"It was 13 x 22-feet," Terry recalled. The pair ran the business from that spot for about two years before relocating again, this time to their property right across the road.

"I rounded up all my brothers and we built this in a weekend," Terry said.

The move was necessary due to the rapid growth of the business – both in the number of customers and the services available.

"It was very busy over there, and being so busy, there was no parking," Sharon said of the previous two locations.

Live bait, fishing rods, and hunting and fishing licenses can be obtained from the side of the store that Terry maintains. And although he's the expert in the hunting and fishing department, Sharon hasn't had a problem with getting her hands dirty.

"I help on that side when he needs me. If the worms need to be made up, I get my hands dirty. I scoop the minnows out; it doesn't both me anymore," she said, adding that the only slimy creature that still makes her squirm is the leech.

In addition to selling products, the two are capable of providing customers with advice and answers.

"If you just need general information about any lakes, rentals of cottages, boats, ice huts ... come and ask us," Terry said. "You can also stop by to tell us about your adventures."

In the future, Sharon plans to expand her giftware operation by moving her main location to a spot in either Haliburton or Minden.

"In the summer I want to leave my gift shop in Eagle Lake as a satellite location, so I'd have two spots for giftware," she said.

The couple's business is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., seven days a week; the only time it's closed is on Christmas Day.

"We like to be available for our customers," Sharon said.

Stop by Eagle Lake Adventures and Gifts today and find what it is you're looking for. For more information, call Sharon or Terry at 705-754-1637.



Terry Griffin shows off the minnows.

AND ... You can find Sharon and some of her giftware at the West Guilford Community Centre on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. during the Christmas book and craft sale. The event is a fundraiser for the centre. □



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Dining and Entertainment

Minden's Scotty Gartshore

Local country artist gets taste of success with debut album

By Mark Arike

Scotty Gartshore has never had a musical lesson in his life. He can't read music either.

But despite those facts, he's an avid guitar player, singer and songwriter who recently released his appropriately named debut country album "Long Wait" – a disc that's definitely put some swagger back in his step.

"I play strictly by ear; I couldn't read a note of music if my life depended on it," said Gartshore with a chuckle from his Minden home.

A roads worker by day for the County of Haliburton, Gartshore first picked up a guitar when he was 16. He developed his skills by watching others, like his brother Murray (also a country music artist). Regular jam sessions with friends and family also groomed him to become a musician.

"I learned by watching my brothers ... when I was growing up there were a lot of house parties. It was the Saturday night thing to do, usually in someone's kitchen," he explained.

In his teen years, Gartshore toured local bars and dancehalls – even before he was of the legal drinking age – and at 18, won the Ontario Talent Contest, an achievement that allowed him to go to Nashville and meet some of the hottest stars at the time.

The youngest of 10 children, Gartshore was raised by his parents until his mother was killed in a car accident when he was 10. After living with friends for a number of years, he left Minden for the first time in 1983 and moved to Oshawa with his wife and kids.

Three years in to living the city life, Gartshore's son was injured in



a car accident while coming home from school. The accident prompted him to move the family back to more familiar and quieter surroundings.

"I thought it would be best to bring my kids up here and raise them, up in the country," he said.

Since raising a family and working kept Gartshore fairly busy, music was put on the backburner. However, two years ago, a request from one of his musically inclined children, Gavin, set the wheels in motion for a comeback.

"A couple of years ago, my son's band needed a lead singer for a show," explained Gartshore.

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Top: Scotty Gartshore plays his guitar in his home. Below: A newspaper clipping from when he won a talent contest.

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"Their lead singer was unavailable so Gavin called me and said, 'dad, will you front for us?' I said, 'Gav, I haven't done that in twenty-something years.'

His son reassured his dad that he'd know more than enough songs to successfully play the part. Gartshore gave in, and in looking back, is happy he seized the opportunity.

"It kind of put a spark back in it," he smiled.

This past spring, Gartshore and his wife Marion decided that they would buy a travel trailer and go to country music jamborees across the country.

"It's really good entertainment and there's a great group of people that go to these," he said.

Little did Gartshore know that while on one of these adventures he'd encounter a couple that thought so highly of him that they told him he must get his voice recorded.

"I was down at the Kinmount jamboree and I ended up singing. When I was done, this lady [a performer] came up to me and asked if she could buy one of my CDs. I said, 'I'd love to sell you one, but I don't have one.'

That singer asked Gartshore why he didn't have an album out. He explained that he wasn't doing much in the way of music, and that he didn't want to invest money into producing one.

Later that weekend the same lady, who turned out to be country singer Ginny Mcilmoyle, approached Gartshore, this time with her husband, record producer Jim Mcilmoyle.

"He [Jim] said that my voice should be recorded," recalled Gartshore.

Jim handed Gartshore his card and told him to be in touch about doing a future recording at his studio.

A stunned Gartshore did just that and within a couple of months he was recording tunes, most of which are well-known country covers.

"The songs on the CD are ones that I'm always asked to sing by friends and family, almost every time I get my guitar out," he said.

The one original featured on the album, "Break Away", has a rather interesting story behind it.

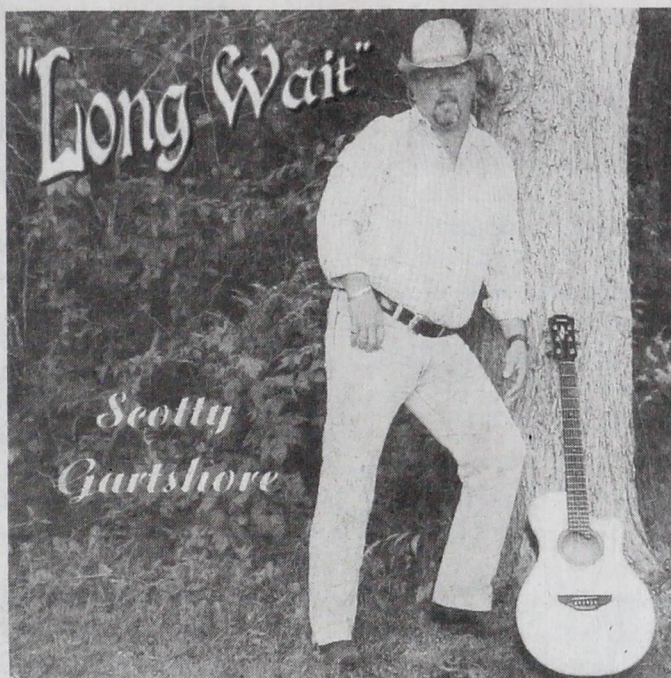
"My son, grandson and I were sitting here," said Gartshore from his kitchen, "and we were just jamming. My son began singing that song and I said, 'where did you hear that Gavin?' He just looked at me like I was from Mars and said, 'dad, you wrote it!' I had completely forgotten about it," laughed Gartshore, adding that because of the incident he chose to put the song on the album.

The lyrics found in songs written by Gartshore are inspired by his own life experiences and are churned out in order of his thoughts.

"A lot of the time I'm writing about what I'm thinking of right at that time," he said, mentioning a song he wrote about a good friend who passed away.

When asked what his hopes are for the album, Gartshore said it's already met and exceeded his expectations.

"I've already seen what I was hoping it would do. I get a lot of



Scotty's debut album 'Long Wait' is now in local stores.

phone calls from family and friends that have heard it ... they call me and tell me how much they enjoy it. That's the real reward, to have people really appreciate it," he said.

As for live performances, Gartshore recently performed at a fundraiser for the Legion in Kinmount – a cause he feels deserves strong support.

"The Legions are in tough shape; they don't have the membership that they once had. I hold a pretty special place in my heart for them."

Gartshore was approached to perform at the event and did so along with some other local performers.

Next summer, he's booked to do eight shows at jamborees across Ontario. And thanks to the ongoing support of his wife, kids, family and friends, Gartshore stays musically motivated.

"They've always supported me in my music," he said, pointing out that his wife uploaded videos of him performing to YouTube (find them by searching Scotty Gartshore at www.youtube.com).

Long Wait is currently available for \$15 in Minden at The D.A.M. Music Shop in Minden and V&S Stedmans. For any inquiries, call Scotty at 705-286-3865. □

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A night of talent in support of Pakistan

A talent night is being hosted at the West Guilford Community Centre on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. for Red Cross Pakistan flood relief efforts.

The program includes: Julie Barban's dancers, Algonquin Brass, John Miller and singer and guitarist Jeff Barry.

For more information call Eleanor Cooper at 705-754-2278.

Church events

December 8, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long". Accompanied by Rev. Harry Morgan and friends. Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1) at Lochlin. Refreshments following: Hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the food bank gratefully accepted.

The Artful Table opens Dec. 4

Opening Saturday, Dec. 4 and running until Christmas, The Art Hive's Artful Table features four holiday themed tables with festive handmade gifts and goodies.

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For more information call 705-754-0021 or email thearthive@live.ca.

Get a great gift at the Christmas Craft and Book Sale

There is going to be a Christmas craft and book sale at the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

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In addition to the great meal, you will experience entertainment and sing-alongs to Christmas carols.

The meal is \$15 per person and includes dessert, coffee/tea.

For reservations, advance tickets and more information call Hilary Elia at 705-457-2941 or email hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com.

Dorset to throw Christmas party for kids

The Dorset Recreation Centre is hosting a children's Christmas party on Dec. 4 from 2-4 p.m.

For more information contact Melissa Alfano at 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Show and sale of students' work at Halipalooza

The Haliburton School of the Arts, Fleming College, is pleased to present Halipalooza - the end of semester art show and sale hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs. This one day exhibition will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at Fleming College's Haliburton campus.

Halipalooza is a wonderful opportunity for developing artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. Visitors will be amazed by the vibrant tapestry of the arts found on display and within the college.

Many students who attend Haliburton School of the Arts have come from outside of Haliburton County to study at Fleming College and this exhibition provides members of the Haliburton community and opportunity to view new works by new artists. Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer any questions.

This exhibition is a student-based initiative featuring a variety of media showcasing the talents of fall semester students. Some of the media represented includes: painting, drawing, ceramics, fibre arts, photo arts, blacksmithing and mixed media. Some works will be available for purchase.

This event is open to the public and free-of-charge. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information call Terri Frew at 705-457-1680 or email tfrew@flemingc.on.ca.

Events

A concert perfect for Christmas

Come join the Highlands Wind Symphony for their annual Christmas concert featuring an exciting mix of new pieces as well as traditional Christmas tunes on Dec. 5 at Haliburton's Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Also appearing this year is the ever popular Highland Swing Band – and, for the first time, local recording artist Carl Dixon will perform a solo set for everyone's enjoyment.

Reserved seating tickets are available at Pharmasave in Minden and at Master's Book Store in Haliburton. Tickets: Adults \$10, students \$5, family \$25.

For more information please call Andy Salvatori at 705-457-2100 or email andy@currymotors.ca.

Home Builders seek public's help in annual Christmas challenge

Not all Haliburton County families can afford to give their kids the gift of Christmas. For some, it's a struggle to just put food on the table. For the 15th year in a row, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) – a voluntary organization that represents the local housing industry – is coming to the aid of those families, and by doing so, is challenging members of the public to help make a difference.

"The challenge is simple," said executive officer Aggie Tose in a press release. The HCHBA is looking for unwrapped toys or food items – which can be collected at an office or Christmas party, or elsewhere. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the 4Cs for families in need.

"Whether our need has been for food, for money, for toys or for on line voluntary assistance, your members have always been there for us," said 4Cs representatives several years ago.

Those who plan to collect toys or food are asked to contact the HCHBA's office in advance at 705-457-2629. Members of the organization will pick up gifts and deliver them to workshops (where they will be prepared for families) in Haliburton and Minden.

To make the most of this year's challenge, please have gifts ready before Dec. 10 for pick up.

Fundraiser dinner for West Guilford Recreation Centre

Come out and support the West Guilford Recreation Centre by enjoying a great home cooked meal on Sunday Dec. 5 at 5:30pm. Meal includes salad, entree, roll, dessert, tea & coffee for just \$15 per adult, \$5 for children under 10.

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Just a Farm called a 'Disneyland' for horses

By Laura Redman

If Walt Disney had been committed to horses, he might have created Just a Farm.

Affectionately called a "Disneyland" for horses by one happy patron, Nado and Sandra Zorko have created a magical place on their 40-acre farm on Ritchie Falls Road, where their love for these magnificent creatures is displayed in all aspects of their care.

But even calling them creatures doesn't seem appropriate in Sandra's presence – more likely, she'll refer to the horses in her care as her "children" or her "loves."

"I like to ride, but I'm not a great rider, in fact, I would rather just be with them," Sandra says. "In the summer time, Nado and I take our footstools out and we'll just sit there and watch them eat. We do, we just watch them eat."

Beyond watching them eat, Sandra and Nado spend their days – and sometimes their nights – looking after their own five horses and the 14 horses they now board.

"Horses need to be taken care of – some people all they want to do is ride all the time, but we are here for the horses – the horses are not here for us," Sandra said. "They're not here just to be used, or pulled or ridden all the time in competitions having old blankets put on them all the time, let them be horses, you know, let them be horses, yeah, yeah," she added. "And you know, they respond so much better to love than to being jerked around."

Sandra has always loved horses – she grew up in Haliburton and rode as a child – on an hourly-rent basis – but she didn't own a horse until she was in her 30s.

"I've always wanted a farm – I had one horse that I had already, he was a baby, and I was green, I knew nothing about horses, just knew that I loved them," Sandra said. "Then I met Nado. We found this place eight years ago – it was just basically an old cow farm.

"I brought my one horse and we went from that one horse to 19



horses – so we have 19 kids and counting, that's what we say, because they're our kids."

Because the horses are their kids, the horses they own and also board have the very best of care. Sandra and Nado will stay up until midnight to feed them an extra helping of hay when it's cold and they never put more than five horses in one pasture – usually fewer – so the horses are never crowded together and their owners are never intimidated by horses they don't know.

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(from page 12)

Nado has built every horse either a small barn or run-in inside their pasture - and the couple is especially thrilled they now have their "MegaDome". The couple sold off some of their land to purchase the 60 foot x 130 foot riding arena, and it was finished in June. Nado has now added a heated (in the winter) viewing lounge, an elaborate sound system and four indoor stalls. The dome has also attracted new people and new horses to their facility.

"We had one couple come down, take a look at our facility and go out and buy two horses. Another couple did the same thing, saw this, said, 'Wow', and they went and bought three horses to keep here," Sandra said. As for herself, she still can't believe she has the "Megadome" herself.

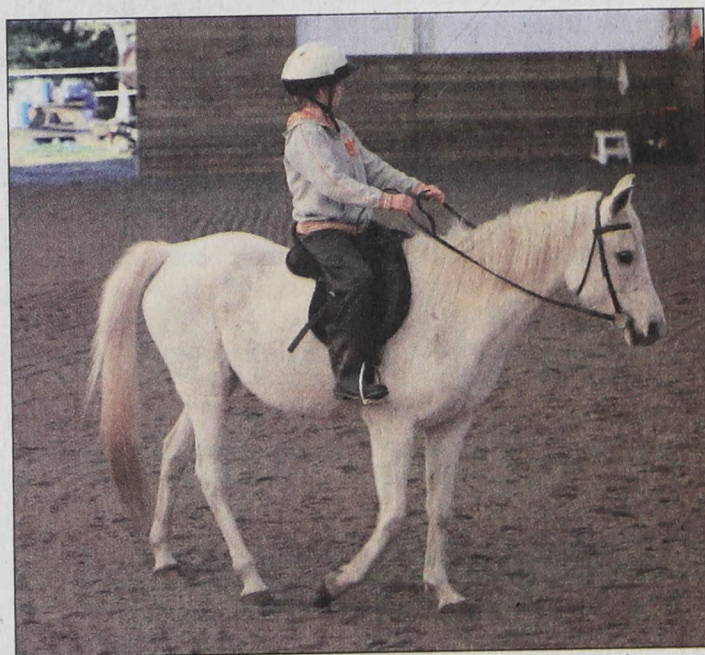
"I get goosebumps when I come in here, because I can't believe I have this, I can't, it's so nice and with the lights at night it just glows," Sandra said. "I mean what a beautiful place to ride - most of our lessons are after school or evenings," she added.

Just a Farm has now been able to expand their lessons capacity - they now have two instructors - and this summer they ran a camp for children and have hosted birthday parties.

"We just don't want it for riding, we want people to come and use it for events," Sandra said. "We try to make it safe and affordable for everyone - so it's not out of reach for everyone. We're not doing this to make a fortune, we're doing this because we want people to come and enjoy it as much as we do."



Sandra and Nado are thrilled with their MegaDome riding arena.



A young rider takes an unofficial riding lesson from the horse's owner inside the new MegaDome.

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NEW CPP RULES

Would you wait an extra 10 years for \$100,000.00? That will be the question Canadians will be facing when the new CPP (Canada Pension Plan) changes roll out.

Under the current rules: if a person decides to take CPP at age 60, they receive 70% of the amount they would have received at age 65, and if that same person waited until age 70, they would be entitled to 130% of what they would have received at age 65.

By the year 2016: if a person decides to take CPP at age 60, they will receive only 64% of the amount they would have received at age 65, and if that same person waited until age 70, they would be entitled to 142% of what they would have received at age 65.

Let's look at this with real numbers. I am going to assume that a person qualifies for full CPP. Under the new rules if they take their payment at age 60 they would receive \$4000.00 (per year) less than waiting until age 65 and \$4600.00 (per year) more by waiting until age 70.

Assuming a life expectancy of 90, a person who takes CPP at age 60 would get 64% of their benefit for 30 years which works out to \$215,233.00. If someone takes CPP at age 70 would get 142% for 20 years for a total of \$318,365.00. That is a difference of \$100,000.00.

So who will benefit from these changes? Everyone's situation is different such as (to name a few): having a spouse, health issues, age expectancy, other assets available at retirement for income.

What I do know is that with constant changing of rules around money management, each of us needs to make an informed decision based on our unique situation and not based on what our friends or colleagues are doing.

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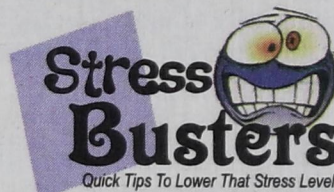


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Lange on the Law

Donald Lange

by **Donald J. Lange**
Barrister & Solicitor

The Repair and Storage Liens Act

If you ever have a dispute about repairs to your personal property, such as your motor vehicle, boat, or computer, you may be faced with a case under the Repair and Storage Liens Act. This Act creates a code for the creation, maintenance, and enforcement of liens by unpaid "repairers" and "stomers." A repairer under the Act is simply a person whom makes a repair with the understanding that the person will be paid for the repair. Repairs include an expenditure of money on, or the application of labour, skill, or material to tangible personal property for the purpose of altering, improving, or restoring its properties or maintaining its condition. Included in the term "repair" is the cost of transporting the property for the purpose of making the repair, such as towing it.

A repairer's lien arises from the time that the repair is commenced. The amount of the lien is the amount that the customer agreed to pay or the fair value of the repair. The repairer is entitled to retain possession of the property until the lien amount has been paid. Hence, it is called a "possessory lien." If your motor boat has been repaired and you have not paid the invoice because you dispute the amount of the invoice, the repairer may keep or "possess" the boat until the lien is paid. A possessory lien has priority over the interests of all other persons in the property, even the bank if it financed the purchase of the property. Often, the lien is one for storage and repairs because the repaired property must be stored until paid for. Thus, an owner of repaired property that has not been paid for may be exposed to storage costs as well as repair costs in a dispute with the repairer. Both the possessory repairer lien claimant and the possessory storer lien claimant have a right to sell the property 60 days after payment is due.

The Act also provides for a non-possessory lien. This occurs when a lien claimant, who is entitled to a possessory lien against personal property, gives up possession of the property without having been paid the full amount of the possessory lien. A non-possessory lien is for the amount that remains unpaid and takes effect when the lien claimant gives up possession of the property. A non-possessory lien affects the ownership of the property because it may be registered under the registration system established by the Personal Property Security Act. So, if you try to sell your motor boat, you must pay the lien first to give clear, unencumbered, title to the purchaser. In the next column, I will be talking about esoteric legislation which may affect your life.

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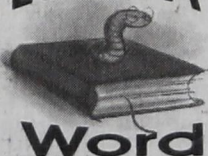
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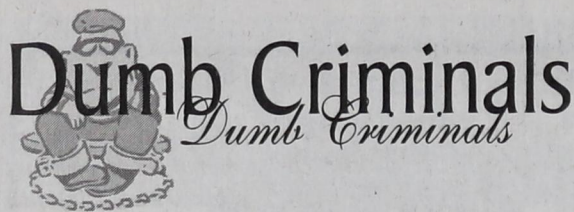
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Hard hat-wearing robber sentenced to ten years

A Fort Smith man who robbed a convenience store at gunpoint while wearing an orange hard hat with his name written across the front was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday.

A Sebastian County Circuit Court jury deliberated only one hour before returning with a guilty verdict for James Newsome, 42. He was convicted of aggravated robbery, which carries a sentence of 10 to 40 years or life in prison.

Fort Smith police say they recovered the hard hat in a dumpster at Air Systems, Inc., a company for which Newsome worked at one time. He was arrested for the January 24, 1999 armed robbery of The Gas Well convenience store on Zero Street.

Ann Buckner, who was working behind the counter at the time of the robbery, said she remembered that Newsome's full name was printed on the hard hat and even spelled the name for police. During a victim impact statement to the jury before sentencing, Buckner called the memory of Newsome pointing a revolver at her "the most horrifying experience" of her life.

"Could he have been smarter about the way he tried to cover things up? Yes, he could have," said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stacey Slaughter in closing statements. However, she encouraged jurors to look at all the evidence in the case, "which included cash found in Newsome's possession, dark clothing similar to that worn during the robbery and Buckner's description of Newsome. Public defender Ben Beland presented a two-pronged defence. He said the evidence against Newsome was circumstantial and, besides, said Beland, Newsome suffered from extensive mental problems.

"He evidently does have some mental problems," Beland told jurors just before they deliberated for sentencing. Newsome sat impassively with his head nodding rhythmically back and forth during the two-day trial that began Monday.

A psychiatrist who testified for the state said he believes Newsome suffers from malingering, which he described as "assuming a demeanour to impress others that you are mentally ill." Newsome's former wife, Catherine Newsome, also testified for the state. She said he began to have delusions that became especially aggravated just before the robbery.

"I think he was in the middle of a nervous breakdown," she said.

She told jurors that her husband would play with toy guns and tell her that he did "secret work" for the CIA and police just before the robbery.

Beland told jurors that Newsome could not remember the robbery.

Part of the sentence meted out by jurors calls for Newsome to undergo counselling while in prison.

Story courtesy of John Anderson of the Southwest Times Record, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Bad Predictions

"By the year 2000, we will all be talking into our word processors instead of typing."

- Jan Galvin, director of assertive technology at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, 1991.

Ghost Stories Rochester Castle

Rochester Castle, Kent, England, where a ghost known as the White Lady has haunted for more than 700 years. She is thought to be Lady Blanche de Warren, who was accidentally killed by her betrothed, Ralph de Capo.

That night her ghost walked the battlements where she died and she has been seen periodically ever since. The Old Burial Ground, situated in the castle moat, is also haunted - on Christmas Eve - by the ghost of Charles Dickens, who expressed a wish to be buried in this little graveyard



1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Alamo located?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the father on "The Brady Bunch"?
3. U.S. STATES: Which state was the first, by law, to give women the right to vote?
4. ENTERTAINERS: Where did Elvis Presley die?
5. ANATOMY: Where are the triceps muscles located?
6. ART: Which impressionist painter created a series of famous works of his garden at Giverny?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: In which branch of the military did Gerald Ford serve during World War II?
8. HISTORY: How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre in 1770?
9. CARTOONS: In the animated series, where did Yogi Bear live?
10. LANGUAGE: What is a sobriquet?

- Answers
1. San Antonio, Texas
 2. Mike Brady
 3. Wyoming, in 1869
 4. At his estate, Graceland, in Memphis, Tenn.
 5. Upper arm
 6. Monet
 7. Navy
 8. Five
 9. Jellystone Park
 10. A nickname

Along The White Trail By Marci Mandel

Romantic Life

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty,--that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."
From Ode to A Grecian Urn by John Keats

Here we go into the month of December: cold and dark but filled with great hope and anticipation. If ever there was a time for poets with their understanding of the bitter-sweetness of life, this is it.

John Keats lived at the time of the Romantics along with William Blake, Percy Shelley, and Samuel Coleridge. His love affair with Fanny Brawne was depicted in the movie *Bright Star* which was recently shown at the Haliburton International Film Festival. Fortunately, for those in attendance, there was an introduction to the movie by Rhodes Scholar and poet, Professor Emeritus John Unrau.

Unrau put Keats' life into perspective by describing the Classic and Romantic eras. The former, he explained, stood strongly opposed to anything fanciful, improbable or extravagant. In literature, he said, Classical authors strove for precision, polish, decorum and control. Their aim was to write, as Alexander Pope said, "What oft was thought, but ne'er so well express'd". "Note the lack of interest in originality: what oft was thought," Unrau emphasized.

Romanticism began after the French Revolution and its credo was "Whatever is, is right." Whether they were political, religious, philosophical, scientific, or literary figures, Romantics understood life at deeper level. As their name implies, heads and hearts connected, they could appreciate the many forms truth could take. They applauded originality, intuition, imagination, the realms of the mythical and mystical, the rustic and natural, and especially solitude where they were happy to be away from society's judgments and restrictions. Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven were also classified as Romantics.

The Classicists, Unrau said, believed from the conception that poetry was something that could be learned, and that poems were "made" or "constructed." The Romanticists believed that poetry was a gift of nature; poems were "grown", organic. Or, as Keats put it: "...if Poetry comes not as naturally as Leaves to a tree it had better not come at all."

After Unrau's introduction, we settled in, watched the movie, and

revelled in the beauty of Jane Campion's production -- a piece of Romantic art in itself. The picturesque scenery invited the body and mind to relax, releasing the heart to pulse with the joy and tragedy of young love.

The beauty of this film could have easily been missed if only the logical mind was watching, for it worked on a different level. There were no bang'em up mysteries, no spectacular special effects, and no graphic sex scenes. What there was an abundance of, however, were powerful scenes of empathy and intimacy and it was glorious to watch: so human, so humane.

I am a romantic at heart and am pained to see the latest cultural swing back to Classicism.

Gated communities and an us or them mentality may preserve the body but at what cost? To be living is not the same as to be alive. To live without freedom of choice and to repress feelings is the pathway to depression, so is there any wonder we have a society rife with grief and addiction? How free are we really when box stores and fast food joints are idealized places? Where's the intimacy? Where's the originality? Are we truly making these choices or have we been manipulated into them with the promise of comfort and safety?

CEOs are laughing because they know most consumers only think about the bottom line. But what really is the bottom line? Our financial statement or our aliveness? They're making fortunes because we don't seem to care where our purchases come from. Are we alive? Are we capable of caring anymore?

I've spent most of my time restraining my emotions like a good girl. It was despairing at times because I knew there was more to life but didn't know what it was or how to get it. Somewhere along the way I must have been traumatized and begun to believe it was no longer safe to be enthusiastic or express my truth, so I turned off and shut down. But to be dead inside is a shallow way to live. How did I let it happen? How have so many of us let it happen?

Life is a gift that so often makes no sense, which is why we need artists. Their words, their colours, their acts, bring us down in to that calm place below the stormy surface where we are reminded how truth, simplicity, and love are what we truly long for, all that we truly need. Then from there, as Jane Campion says, we can build up our enthusiasm so it's higher than our fear. And when that happens, we will soar.

Yes, there is hope; from darkness comes light. That is the way.

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It's Happening in Kinmount

By Lynne Kilby

The excitement around town is about to explode with Kinmount's new Christmas tradition, CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE FESTIVAL DEC. 2 - DEC. 4. The new festival replaces the annual Santa Claus Parade. Partnered with some long standing Kinmount traditions, Christmas in the Village brings a trio of back to back events with prizes galore to add to your Christmas merriment. Here's the scoop!

Thursday, Dec. 2, Lights Across Canada

6:30 p.m. at Kinmount Railway Station

Kinmount unites in goodwill with towns across Canada through a ribbon of lights. Share festive fellowship. Witness the tree lighting ceremony. Stay cozy by the bonfire with hot chocolate or hot apple cider & sweets. Visit Kinmount Model Railway. Free photos with Santa inside the Railway Station. Bring answers to The 12 Questions of Christmas in the Village Contest (below) for a chance to win a Christmas Basket.

Friday, Dec. 3, Christmas Music Night

7:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre

Enjoy fellowship & live Christmas music by Haliburton Highlands Youth Choir. Delicious desserts. Christmas Loonie Auction. Bring your loonies! Tickets \$10. For advance tickets call 705-488-2635.

Saturday, Dec. 4, Christmas in the Village, Paint the Town Day

8 - 10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Kinmount Community Centre. Country Raffle & Door Prize. From 10 - 11 a.m. kids enjoy Christmas Stories & Activities at Kinmount Public Library. Then from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Carollers, Clowns and Sparky the Fire Dog roam Main Street. Businesses offer a variety of specials. Enjoy horse drawn wagon rides around town by Mash Hill Carriages and pony rides at Kinmount Railway Station. A multitude of olde-fashioned Crafts & Activities for kids takes place at Kinmount Community Centre. Kinmount Artisans Marketplace offers a special something for kids.

Bring Santa letters to Kinmount Post Office to drop in the Santa Letters Box. At 2:00 p.m. meet Santa at the Post Office & follow him to Kinmount Legion for a visit & free family lunch. Kids 10 & under receive a gift.

Find the Hidden Kinny Elves

To begin your search, pick up your Christmas Card Entry Form available around town. Find Kinny the Elf at participating businesses and answer the specific question about each Kinny Elf. You have from Thursday morning Dec. 2 till 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon Dec. 4 to complete the hunt. Deposit your answers in the Kinny Elf Box at one of the Christmas in the Village events. The entry with the most correct answers wins. In the event of a tie, a draw takes place.

The 12 Questions of Christmas in the Village Contest

Win a Festive Christmas Basket! Write your name & answers on paper and bring to the Lights Across Canada Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 2.

1. When is the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony?
2. Where is the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony held?
3. Where is Christmas Music Night held this year?
4. Where can you have Breakfast with Santa?
5. Who provides wagon rides in town Dec. 4?
6. Where can kids visit Santa, receive a gift & enjoy a family lunch?
7. When is Christmas Bingo at the Legion?
8. Where in town can you purchase gifts tax-free?
9. As of Dec. 10, what days & hours is Kinmount Artisan's Marketplace open?
10. Name 3 places in town accepting donations of Christmas gifts & food.

11. What organization is selling Christmas Cakes?

12. Who hosts a New Year's Eve Dance?

Kinmount celebrates Christmas in many other ways too. The Kinmount Lions Club is now selling delicious Christmas Cakes & goodies available around town. The Lions also have Angel Trees set up at the Post Office, Kawartha Credit Union and Kinmount Medical Centre where donations of food or unwrapped gifts are welcome. Donations for Christmas Hampers may also be dropped off at Kinmount Freshmart and the Royal Canadian Legion.

For your convenience, Christmas shopping hours at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace are extended to 7 days a week, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., from Dec. 10 to Dec. 24. Remember, the Marketplace offers tax free shopping for beautiful hand-crafted items, art, books, DVD's and an assortment of Kinmount memorabilia. You never know what you may discover!

Bingo lovers will not want to miss Christmas Bingo at the Legion on Friday, Dec. 10 at 6:45 p.m. Along with a \$300.00 Must Go Jackpot you may also win hams, turkeys and Christmas cakes.

Please contact me at 705-488-2919 or email me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or event information and remember to keep visiting kinmount.ca for current information. See you in Kinmount, but if for some reason we do not cross paths I now extend to you my best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 2 - 4 - Christmas in the Village Festival - A trio of activities & lots of prizes!

Dec. 2 - Community Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m. at the Railway Station.

Dec. 3 - Christmas Music Night 7:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre.

Dec. 4 - Christmas in the Village Finale Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & Old-fashioned Crafts for Kids 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. all at Kinmount Community Centre.

Christmas stories at the Library 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Business specials, Wagon & Pony Rides 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Follow Santa from the Post Office to the Legion at 2 p.m.

Gifts from Santa for kids 10 & under at the Legion 2:30 p.m. with a family lunch.

Dec. 4 & 5 - Bethlehem Live, 7:00 p.m. at Coboconk Lions Park.

Dec. 5 - Country Jamboree & Open Mike 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. Admission \$5.00. Hot & Cold Buffet available.

Dec. 9 - Casino Rama trip sponsored by Kinmount Seniors Group. The bus leaves the legion parking lot at 9 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch while you are there. Return time is 4 p.m. Bus cost is \$5.00. To reserve your spot call Theresa at 488-1110.

Dec. 8 - Diners' Dinner Christmas Edition, 11 a.m. at Burnt River Community Centre.

Dec. 10 - Christmas Bingo 6:45 p.m. at the Legion. \$300.00 Must Go Jackpot.

Dec. 15 - Big Buck Bid Euchre 11 a.m. at Kinmount Legion. Cost of \$10 includes lunch.

Dec. 18 - Friends of the Library Book Sale 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. lower level Kinmount Public Library.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Dance 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Events

Heritage Ballet's Nutcracker comes to the Northern Lights

Tickets are now available for Heritage Ballet's 7th annual production of E.T.A. Hoffman's classic, *The Nutcracker*.

Catch one of two performances: Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The Nutcracker is a story is about a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads (see below for more on the storyline).

Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids, are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden.

For more about this dance extravaganza, please contact Julie Barban at 705 457-1990.

The Nutcracker is a fairy tale-ballet in two acts, three scenes, by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, composed in 1891-92. Alexandre Dumas père's adaptation of the story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffmann was set to music by Tchaikovsky (written by Marius Petipa and commissioned by the director of the Imperial Theatres Ivan Vsevolozhsky in 1891).

In Western countries, this ballet has become perhaps the most popular ballet, performed primarily around Christmas time.

The composer made a selection of eight of the more popular numbers from the ballet before the ballet's December 1892 premiere, forming *The Nutcracker Suite*, Op. 71a, intended for concert performance. The suite was first performed, under the composer's direction, on 19 March 1892 at an assembly of the St. Petersburg branch of the Musical

Society. The suite became instantly popular; the complete ballet did not achieve its great popularity until around the mid-1960s.

Among other things, the score of *The Nutcracker* is noted for its use of the celesta, an instrument that the composer had already employed in his much lesser known symphonic ballad *The Voyevoda* (premiered 1891). Although well-known in *The Nutcracker* as the featured solo instrument in the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" from Act II, it is employed elsewhere in the same act.

Camp Wanakita is hosting a free breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4 starting at 9 a.m. The morning will feature a free, hot breakfast, face painting, games and a photo with the Jolly Ol' Elf himself. Shannon Blanchard, the outdoor centre coordinator at the camp, is organizing the event and said any donations received will be passed on to local organizations like the food bank. Anyone needing transportation to the event can contact the camp at 1-800-387-5081, ext. 236.

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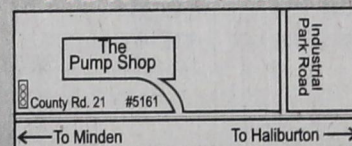
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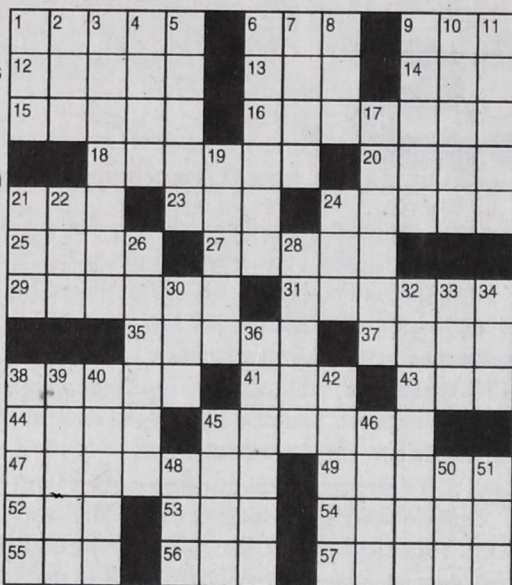
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9 In olden days
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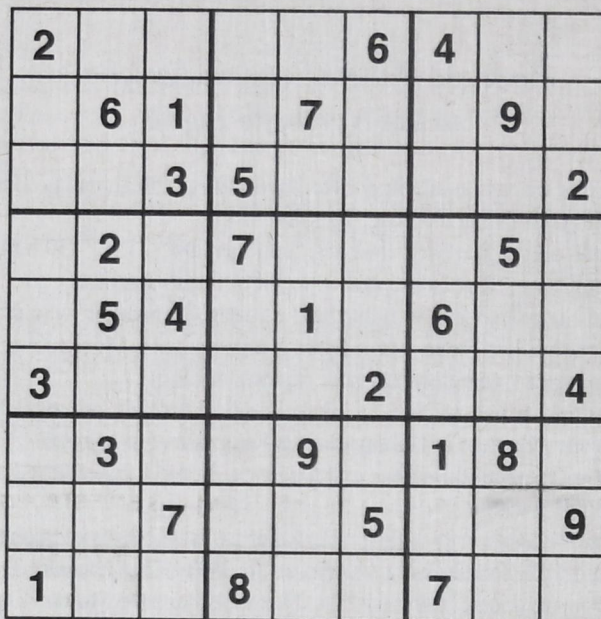
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37 Leak slowly
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

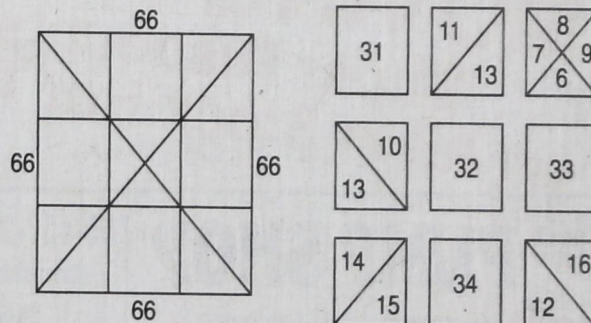
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| TRAITS | ___ | START | LEASED | ___ | DEALS |
| ANKLES | ___ | LAKES | | | |
| SWEETS | ___ | STEWs | | | |
| | | | SECTOR | ___ | CREST |
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Try Squares by Linda Thistle

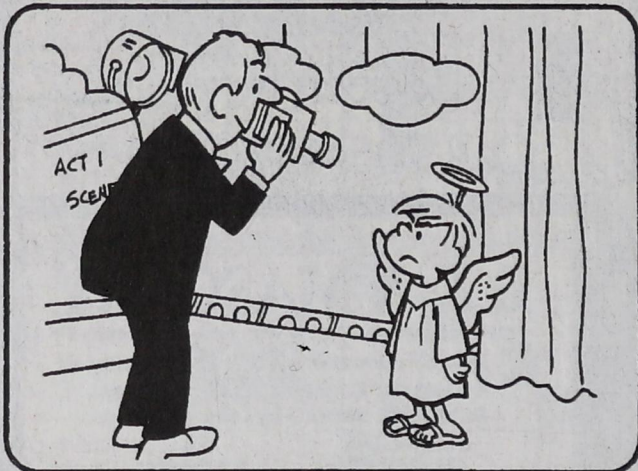
Without rotating the small squares on the right, try to arrange them into the pattern shown in the diagram at the left so that the number next to each large triangle equals the sum of the four numbers in that triangle.



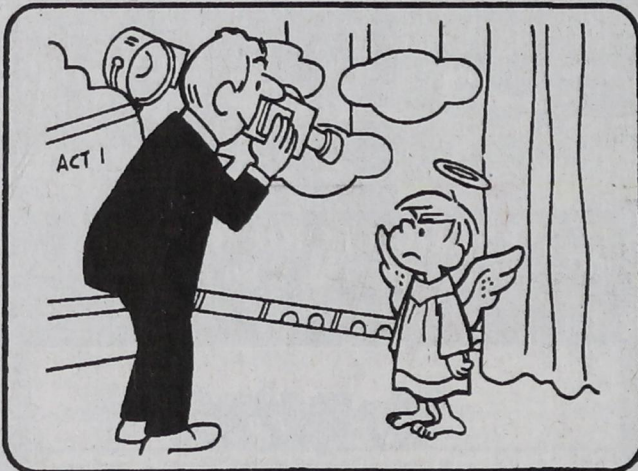
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Halo wire is missing. 2. Sign is different. 3. Boy is barefoot. 4. Robe has a border. 5. Cloud is missing. 6. Two stage lights are gone.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

It was 20th-century British author and Anglican priest William Ralph Inge who made the following sage observation: "Events in the past may be roughly divided into those which probably never happened and those which do not matter."

Consider your age, then consider the following tidbit: In the 1700s, the average human lifespan was about 30 years. Sobering thought, isn't it?

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, the home appliances Americans consider to be the most essential are clothes washers and dryers, followed by air conditioners. Obviously, the majority of the survey's respondents weren't residents of Florida or Texas.

Historians report that Napoleon Bonaparte, when he wasn't busy conquering, enjoyed ice skating.

If you're frightened of bugs, you might not want to know the following tidbit: There are 10 quintillion insects alive on the planet.

A study published in 2008 showed that the price of a pain medication had an effect on its efficacy. In the study people were given placebo pills, some at the regular price and some at a discounted price. Those who paid full price for the medication reported more relief than those who paid less.

Half of all cookies baked in the United States are of the chocolate-chip variety.

If you're planning to be in the San Francisco area in June, you might want to plan a stop in the nearby town of Petaluma for the Sonoma-Marín Fair. This is where the competition to determine the world's ugliest dog is held every year. In addition to earning bragging rights, the owner of the winning pooch is awarded a prize of \$1,000.

13	32	15
10	6	14
34	7	33
13	8	12
11	31	16

answer

Try Squares

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WHALES	W	LEASH
TRAITS	I	START
ANKLES	N	LAKES
SWEETS	E	STEW
FACTOR	O	CRAFT
ENTERS	N	TREES
LEASED	E	DEALS
SECTOR	O	CREST
SENATE	N	TEASE
SPRITE	E	TRIPS

Puzzles 4 Kids

1	9	6	8	2	3	7	4	5
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9	7	3	5	4	1	8	6	2
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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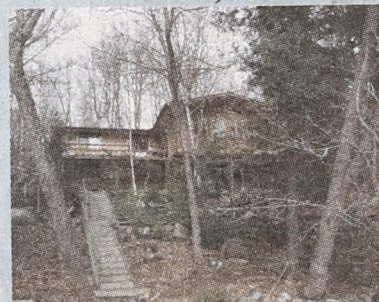
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